

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
April 8, 2005

ITEM: **18**

SUBJECT: **FY 06 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution (*tentative Resolution 05-09*) authorizing the Conservancy to partner with Cleveland National Forest and the City of San Diego in a joint request for a FY 06 federal appropriation. (*Deborah Jayne*)

PURPOSE: Consideration and possible adoption of tentative Resolution 05-09.

DISCUSSION: Your Executive Officer has had several discussions with Mr. Andrew Poat and Mr. Brent Eidson (Director and Deputy Director respectively of the City of San Diego's Governmental Relations Department) to discuss potential federal appropriations and other issues. The Executive Officer has subsequently prepared a draft Federal Appropriations proposal to support San Diego River acquisitions.

On March 9, 2005 the City of San Diego Rules, Finance, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee adopted City staff's proposed list of Federal Appropriations Priorities and authorized its staff and consultants to advocate on behalf of the City for these adopted priorities. The Conservancy's acquisitions proposal was included on the list of Federal Appropriation Priorities adopted by the Rules Committee. This means the City will sponsor the Conservancy's proposal along with its own proposals.

The Conservancy's proposal requests \$500,000 in federal funds to acquire one or more properties in the headwaters of the San Diego River. These privately held "in-holdings" are located within the Cleveland National Forest and three are located immediately above the El Capitan dam. The proposed project represents a cooperative effort between the Conservancy, the City of San Diego, and the Cleveland National Forest. All three agencies consider (some or all of) the potential properties

to be “priority acquisitions” due to their water quality / watershed protection value.

Other potential acquisitions are located in the Wynola and Eagle Peak portions of the headwaters / Cleveland National Forest.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: Potential increase in Capital Outlay funding.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution 05-09
2. Potential FY 2006 Appropriations Project Request Pre-Proposal (*Final proposal is under development*)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt tentative Resolution 05-09.